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SUBJECT: GUTHRIE AND SPRIGGS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REFTEL, WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE
SIMILAR REPORTS PERIODICALLY WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAVE
BEEN MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTACT MRS. GUTHRIE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL, BUT LONG TELEPHONE CON-
VERSATION TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER 24. SHE HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT
CONTACT WITH LOCKHEED GEORGIA BUT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY DIS-
CUSSED THIS MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT. SHE EXPRESSED AP-
PRECIATION FOR DEPARTMENT'S CALL AND HOPE THAT WE COULD
CONVERSE FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE FUTURE.

3. IN ADDITION LOCKHEED AND MRS. GLTHRIE, DEPARTMENT IS ALSO
MAINTAINING TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN
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BOB WILSON (CALIFORNIA), WHOSE CONSTITUENT, MRS. BODY, IS

GUTHRIE'S SISTER, AND WITH MARCUS N. PEAHA OF SEATTLE, WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS LONG-TIME FRIEND OF SPRIGGS. PEAHA IS IN CONTACT WITH SPRIGGS' MOTHER, MRS. ADENBROOK, AND WITH SPRIGGS' WIFE IN LONDON. ACCORDING PEAHA, NEITHER LADY HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SPRIGGS OR INFORMATION ABOUT

HIM FOR SOME TIME, AND BOTH ARE VERY WORRIED. DEPARTMENT ADVISED HIM TO SEND MAIL TO SPRIGGS C/O CHIEF OF EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION.

4. GARMANY RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 21. HE CLARIFIED THAT DOCUMENT HE KEPT REFERRING TO IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS OFFICE DURING SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER (STATE 230408) NOT QUOTE DEPORTATION ORDER UNQUOTE BUT NIGERIAN AIR FORCE (NAF) LETTER RECOMMENDING DEPORTATION. HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVED ON SEPTEMBER 10 THAT GUTHRIE MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHIN 24 HOURS. GARMANY SAYS HIS INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM EMBASSY. GARMANY ALSO QUOTES EMBASSY AS HAVING PROMISED THAT CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF GUSTAFSON WILL REMAIN IN LAGOS FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF GUTHRIE AND SPRIGGS, DESPITE ARRIVAL OF HIS PERMANENT REPLACEMENT.

5. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION (INTERPOL) IN WASHINGTON HAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF MESSAGES RECEIVED AND ACTIONS TAKEN: ON AUGUST 9, LETTER DATED JUNE 8 REQUESTING INFORMATION ON SEIZED WEAPONS AND JAMES MOORHEAD RECEIVED, APPARENTLY IN OPEN MAIL, FROM INTERPOL IN LAGOS. ON AUGUST 10, LETTER DATED JULY 28 RECEIVED FROM LAGOS ASKING ABOUT THE EARLIER INQUIRY AND NOTING THAT QUOTE THE COURT IS BADLY PRESSING. UNQUOTE. BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS (ATF) INITIATED GUN TRACE LEADING TO MOOREHEAD AND REVEALING INVESTIGATION ALREADY CONDUCTED BY U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS). ON AUGUST 23 FINGERPRINTS OF GUTHRIE, SPRIGGS, AND LAWSON (ALL IDENTIFIED AS AMCITS) RECEIVED FROM INTERPOL IN LAGOS. ON AUGUST 30, NON-SUBSTANTIVE MESSAGE SENT TO INTERPOL IN LAGOS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST AND FINGERPRINTS AND EXPLAIN-

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ING THAT ATF INVESTIGATING. LAST WEEK, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT, INTERPOL MAILED REPORT TO INTERPOL C/O THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT, THE NIGERIA POLICE, LAGOS, CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING: (1) STATEMENT THAT NONE RPT NONE OF THE FINGERPRINTS SENT FROM LAGOS CAN BE FOUND IN FBI FILES. (2) STATEMENT THAT NEITHER GUTHRIE, SPRIGGS, LAWSON, NOR MOORHEAD HAS CRIMINAL RECORD IN US. (3) FULL TEXT OF

MOORHEAD'S MAY 27 STATEMENT TO USCS SPECIAL AGENTS DODGE AND SWEET (N.B. STATEMENT, WHICH EMBASSY ALREADY POSSESSES, ALLEGES THAT NAF COLONEL BATURE IMPORTED A .22 CALIBRE WEAPON ON AN EARLIER FLIGHT.) (4) USCS REPORT ON MOORHEAD WHICH WAS COMPILED ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM MOORHEAD'S STATEMENT AND CONTAINS NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION NOT IN HIS STATEMENT. KISSINGER

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